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Today

High: 70

Low: 57

Sunrise: 0735

Sunset: 1839

Partly Cloudy



Tomorrow

High: 68

Low: 49

Sunrise: 0736

Sunset: 1838

Partly Cloudy



President-Elect Barack Obama Looks Ahead to Renewing Nation's Promise

By MCSN Nathan Parde

5 Star Staff Writer

After a historic election, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States Tuesday. Obama, 47, will become the first African-American to be elected as the Chief Executive.

In his acceptance speech late Tuesday, Obama addressed a Chicago crowd of more than 240,000 and spoke about what it means to be an American in the future.

"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term; but America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you: We as a people will get there," said Obama.

"Senator McCain fought long and hard in this campaign. And he's fought even longer and harder for the country that he loves. He has endured sacrifices for America that most of us cannot begin to imagine. We are better off for the service rendered by this brave and selfless leader," said Obama in his acceptance speech.

"I congratulate him; I congratulate Gov. Palin for all that



President-Elect Barack Obama waves to the crowd during his acceptance speech in Chicago.

"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer."

--President-Elect Barack Obama

Sports Corner

Nash Backs Change in His Adopted Home

By Harvey Araton

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Through preseason and a handful of N.B.A. games that count, Steve Nash had delightedly heard a heightened buzz from teammates and opponents about matters beyond fast breaks. "This election has brought politics to people that felt disconnected from it before," he said. "It's been the perfect political storm — the failure of an administration for two terms and an incredibly impressive black candidate."

A Canadian, Nash could not vote for a new American president, but his interest was as clear as his publicly expressed disapproval six years ago of the drumbeat for war in Iraq.

"As a global citizen, I think we should all pay attention and care," he said before spending Tuesday night on the job as the Phoenix Suns' clear-eyed point guard against the Nets at the Izod Center, instead of watching election returns.

"Global citizen" is no cliché in the case of Nash, who was born in South Africa, moved as a young child to western Canada, played professional basketball in Dallas and in Phoenix, married a Paraguayan woman, and lives in Manhattan's TriBeCa district with the couple's twin girls for much of his off-season.

"I guess it was about six years ago — I was single and wanted to travel, experience things," he said. "I could have lived anywhere, in Europe or Asia, but I decided on a city close to home, relatively. I got an apartment in New York for a month and stayed for three. Then I got serious with my wife, and New York was where she kind of found her feet in the States, and now it has really become home for us in a lot of ways."

Surprisingly, Nash said he had not

spoken with Mike D'Antoni since Mr. Seven-Seconds-or-Less left Phoenix to take on the task of decontaminating the Chernobyl of N.B.A. environments. Nash has been busy adjusting to the more selective running and defensive-oriented style of his own new coach, Terry Porter, to be too concerned with D'Antoni's starring role in the latest Stephon Marbury soap opera.

He shrugged when told that D'Antoni, after three games, had already become a tabloid sensation, though not in the class of Isaiah Thomas, yet.

"If you look at his track record, especially the last four years, he continuously bucked popular opinion," Nash said. "He scoffed at the notion that we needed to change the way we played, so I think what people will find out about Mike is that he is a guy who is definitely going to stick to his plan and who doesn't want to hear anyone tell him he's wrong."

Who would have imagined that the relatively unknown Nash would be a two-time league most valuable player, in large part because of D'Antoni's high-octane system, while the self-proclaimed Starbury, with his hometown Knicks, would be so desperately unwanted by the same coach on a team otherwise devoid of star-level talent?

"No matter what is happening there now, I would expect to see Mike stick to his style, let guys play their way out of it and for the team to bring in new players that can adapt well to it," Nash said.

In summary, he was saying that the Knicks didn't hire D'Antoni to cling to their woeful past. The candidate of change was elected months ago; anyone with a New York address and a true point guard's view of the world would have figured that out long before now.

Questions of the Day



BMR

(1) Who was the first Naval Aviator in space?

EAWS



(2) Personnel wearing a white jersey with a red cross are assigned to what department?

ESWS



(3) What is the power source for the box fan?

Answers

(3) Electricity.

(2) Medical.

(1) Cmdr. Alan Shepard.

Security Department Drills to Help Protect the Ship

By MC3(SW) Patrick Gearhiser
—5 Star Staff Writer

Navy security standards improved drastically from hard lessons learned fol-

lowing the terrorist attacks on the guided-missile destroyer USS Cole in 1998. The Navy intensified their security training to prevent

anything similar to that tragedy from occurring again, in addition to better preparing ships for deployment.

This preparation takes partial form in the Second Fleet Force Protection Exercise the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) conducted November 4 and 5.

Security Department has responded to situations such as low-flying aircraft, divers swimming in the water and hostage situations.

"These drills are done to test and qualify us to go on deployment. They test us through a series of 15 scenarios, including swimmer attack, suspicious packages, small boat attacks, low-flying aircraft and grade us on how we respond. This helps us make sure our security guys are ready and they know what they are doing when responding to different situations,"

said Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Emily Buster, Security's Administration Supervisor.

"Sailors stand watches on the flight deck, entry control point and there's a couple of people on the boats to provide security in order to look out for possible dangers," said Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Chris Stover. Stover has been TAD with IKE's Security Department for eight months. "If something's wrong, they call it in and we respond to it," he said.

Stover found the drills to be both exciting and challenging.

"It's kind of cool," he said. "You get sort of an adrenaline rush but at the same time it's kind of nerve wracking. The commanding officer came down while we were doing the drill and the people grading you are nearby watching you do it." ★



Top: Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (AW/SW) Zachary Crew stands watch on the flight deck. Left: Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW) William Eskandari guards the enlisted brow. (U.S. Navy Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Patrick Gearhiser and Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Martin)

Security Alert, Security Alert! All Hands Stand Fast!

Aviation Boat-swain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Alan Schaefer guards the officer's brow.



Aviation Boat-swain's Mate (Handling) Airman Marquis Robertson prepares for his watch station.



Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Emily Buster scans IKE's security cameras.



Seaman Apprentice Dustin Kordatzky inspects a package in the security shack at the base of the enlisted brow.

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Patrick Gearhiser and Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Martin

SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Yeoman 2nd Class (AW)
Tamara Hollis

Administration Department

Yeoman 2nd Class (AW) Tamara Hollis is originally from Birmingham, Ala.

She joined the Navy in January 1998 to further her education, travel and serve her country.

Hollis previously served at Naval Station Pascagoula in Mississippi and on the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) from 2007 to 2008. Hollis reported to IKE in February 2008.

Hollis serves as the leading petty officer in CO's Admin. She is in charge of three Sailors and maintains the commanding officer's schedule.

Her goals are to finish college and later become a hospital administrativeman.

In her free time, Hollis enjoys spending time with her family, her two children and shopping.

Victory

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they've achieved. And I look forward to working with them to renew this nation's promise in the months ahead."

Obama will also be working with a Democratic majority in Congress. Democrats gained Senate seats this election in New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina and Virginia, among others.

In his acceptance speech, Obama thanked the millions of voters who supported him in the polling booths, but he also had a word for those who voted for McCain.

"To those Americans whose support I have yet to earn - I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices, I need your help, and I will be your president too," he said.

Early surveys of voters indicated that 60 percent listed the economy as their most important issue. No other issue including the Global War On Terrorism received more than 10 percent.

The 2008 election was the longest and the most expensive presidential campaign in U.S. history. Over the 21-month campaign, Obama effectively raised donations of more than \$454 million, while McCain raised more than \$230 million.

"This is our moment," Obama concluded in his victory remarks. "This is our time to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids, to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace, to reclaim the American dream."

Obama will now begin his transition to the White House. He will be sworn in as the nation's 44th president January 20, 2009. ★

Around the World

South Korea Earmarks \$10.9 Billion to Aid Growth

By Bettina Wassener

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

HONG KONG — South Korea announced a \$10.9 billion stimulus package on Monday, and Australia was widely expected to cut interest rates on Tuesday, the latest in a string of steps by governments seeking to prop up growth and cushion the impact of the financial crisis.

South Korea, which has been hit hard by reduced demand from the United States and Europe, and where the financial crisis has left banks struggling to pay billions of dollars in short-term loans, has announced a series of emergency measures in recent weeks.

The latest, announced by President Lee Myung-bak on Monday, included

an additional 11 trillion won in government spending and 3 trillion in tax cuts. These are aimed mainly at the real estate and construction industries.

"Now is the time that a financial markets crisis is being transferred to the real sector and we need to get down to start to manage the situation," the finance minister Kang Man-soo said, according to Bloomberg News.

The package is intended to bolster growth next year by an additional percentage point to around 4 percent, and was announced as fresh data showed export growth had slowed to its lowest level in 13 months in October.

Economists said the export figures were also likely to prompt the South Korean central bank to reduce interest rates at its policy meeting on Friday. This would be the sec-

ond cut in two weeks, after last week's surprise cut of three-quarters of a percentage point.

Weak economic data in Australia were also expected to prompt that country's central bank to reduce its key rate by another half a percentage point to 5.5 percent on Tuesday. The cut would be the third since Sept. 3, and bring the total in rate cuts to 1.75 percentage points.

The moves have been intended to prop up the Australian economy, which is highly dependent on raw materials production and has suffered from falling prices for iron ore and copper in recent months. Data out on Monday showed retail sales fell 1.1 percent in September, much more than had been expected. House prices fell 1.8 percent during the third quarter.

Now Playing on IKE Movies

Channel 5

9 a.m. 27 Dresses
 11 a.m. The Guardian
 1 p.m. Closer
 3 p.m. 27 Dresses
 5 p.m. The Guardian
 7 p.m. Training
 8:30 p.m. Notes on a Scandal
 10 p.m. Closer
 12 a.m. 27 Dresses
 2 a.m. The Guardian
 4 a.m. Closer

Channel 6

9 a.m. The Prestige
 11 a.m. Horton Hears A Who
 1 p.m. In Good Company
 3 p.m. The Prestige
 5 p.m. Horton Hears A Who
 7 p.m. Training
 8:30 p.m. The Pacifier
 10 p.m. In Good Company
 12 a.m. The Prestige
 2 a.m. Horton Hears A Who
 4 a.m. In Good Company

Channel 7

9 a.m. Return of the King
 11 a.m. The Pink Panther
 1 p.m. I Am Legend
 3 p.m. Return of the King
 5 p.m. The Pink Panther
 7 p.m. Training
 8:30 p.m. White Chicks
 10 p.m. I Am Legend
 12 a.m. Return of the King
 2 a.m. The Pink Panther
 4 a.m. I Am Legend

U.S. News

Many Abroad See American Ideal Renewed

By Ethan Bronner

Courtesy of the Times Digest

GAZA — From far away, this is how it looks: There is a country where millions of white Christians select as their leader a black man of modest origin, the son of a Muslim. There is a place on Earth — call it America — where such a thing happens.

Even where the United States is held in special contempt, like here in this benighted Palestinian coastal strip, the “glorious epic of Barack Obama,” as the leftist French editor Jean Daniel calls it, makes America stand again for limitless possibility.

“It allows us all to dream a little,” said Oswaldo Calvo, 58, a Venezuelan political activist in Caracas, in a comment echoed to correspondents of The New York Times on four continents in the days leading up to the election.

Tristram Hunt, a British historian, put it this way: Obama “brings the narrative that everyone wants to return to, that America is the land of extraordinary opportunity and possibility, where miracles happen.”

But wonder is almost overwhelmed by relief. Obama’s election offers most non-Americans a sense that the imperial power capable of doing such good and such harm saw the errors of its ways and shifted course.

It would be hard to overstate how fervently vast stretches of the globe wanted the election to turn out as it did to repudiate the Bush administra-

tion. Poll after poll showed only a few countries — Israel, Georgia, the Philippines — favoring a victory for Sen. John McCain.

“Since Bush came to power it’s all bam, bam, bam on the Arabs,” asserted Fathi Abdel Hamid, 40, as he sat in a Cairo coffeehouse.

The world’s view of an Obama presidency presents a paradox. His election embodies what many consider unique about the United States, yet America’s sense of its own mission has driven it astray, they say. They want Obama, the exemplar of American exceptionalism, to act like everyone else, only better, to shift U.S. policy and somehow to project both humility and leadership.

Others fear that Obama will be soft in a hard-edged world where what is required is a clear line in the sand to fanatics, aggressors and bullies. Israelis worry that he will talk to Iran rather than stop it from developing nuclear weapons; Georgians worry that he will not grasp how to handle Russia.

Such contradictory demands and expectations may reflect, in part, the unusual makeup of a man of mixed race and origin whose life and upbringing have touched several continents.

“He represents, for people in so many different communities and cultures, a personal connection,” said Philippe Sands, a British international lawyer and author who travels frequently.



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